



IFW
PATENT APPLICATION
CH-7794
LeA 36,351

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN APPLICATION OF)
PIETER OOMS ET AL)
SERIAL NO.: 10/664,307)
FILED: SEPTEMBER 17, 2003)
TITLE: PROCESS FOR THE)
PREPARATION OF CARBOXYLIC)
ACID BENZYL ESTERS)

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b)

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This disclosure statement under 37 CFR 1.97 & 1.98 is submitted before the first Office Action in order that the Patent and Trademark Office may consider the relevancy of certain information to the invention described and claimed in the subject application, and in compliance with the regulations concerning information disclosure statements. Enclosed are copies of the following:

- a) the Search Report received in the corresponding application pending in the European Patent Office ; and an English language translation thereof; and

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to:
Commissioner for Patents, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on 07/15/04
Date

Godfried R. Akor, Reg. No. 28,779
Name of applicant, assignee or Registered Representative

Signature

July 15, 2004
Date

A handwritten signature is written over the signature line, appearing to read "G. Akor".

b) the documents cited by the European Patent Office in the Search Report (except the documents previously submitted) listed on the attached Form PTO-1449; or a corresponding English language equivalent listed on the attached Form PTO 1449.

This Information Disclosure Statement should not be construed as a representation that a search has been made, that additional information material to the examination of this application does not exist, that any reference mentioned herein constitutes prior art, or that the references listed, severally or in any combination with one another or with any other information, are believed to render any claim in the subject application *prima facie* unpatentable.

Respectfully submitted,

By _____


Godfried R. Akorli
Attorney for Applicants
Reg. No. 28,779

LANXESS Corporation
100 Bayer Road
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15205-9741
(412) 777-3061
FACSIMILE PHONE NUMBER:
(412) 777-2612

\sr\S:\Chem Pittsburgh\Law Shared\SHARED\GRA\PATENTS\7794\IDS.doc

Form PTO 1449 Rev. 7-80		U.S. Department of Commerce Patent and Trademark Office	Atty. Docket No. CH-7794/LeA 36,351	Serial No. 10/664,307
		LIST OF PRIOR ART CITED BY APPLICANT (Use Several Sheets If Necessary)	Applicant Pieter Ooms	
			Filing Date September 17, 2003	Group

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	AA	6,204,424	3/20/01	Bel. to corresp. to DE Yadav et al	19857314 585	202	
	AB	2002/0137966	9/26/02	Bel. to corresp. to WO Ooms et al	0220455 560	240	
	AC	2003/0055279	3/20/03	Bel. to corresp. to EP Ooms et al	1288187 558	414	
	AD	2003/0109745	6/12/03	Bel. to corresp. to WO Ooms et al	0190044 560	240	
	AE	2003/0125578	7/03/03	Bel. to corresp. to WO Ooms et al	172682 560	240	
	AF						
	AG						
	AH						
	AI						
	AJ						
	AK						

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
							Yes	No*
	AL	DD 286 577	01/31/91	Germany (Abstract Attached)				
	AM							
	AN							
	AO							
	AP							

OTHER PRIOR ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

AR	CLARK G S: "Benzyl Acetate" PERFUMER AND FLAVORIST, WHEATON, IL, US, Bd. 14, September 1989 (1989-09), Seiten 25, 26, 28-30, 32, 34, XP002956776, *Seite 26, linke Spalte*
AS	DATABASE CROSSFIRE BEILSTEIN 'Online! Beilstein Institut zur Förderung der Chemischen Wissenschaften, Frankfurt am Main, DE; Databas accession no. Reation ID 9075988 XP002266943 *Seite 378, linke Spalte, Absatz 3* *Seite 379; Beispiel 2; Tabelle 2* - & J. CHEM. RES. SYNOP., 9, 2001, Seiten 378-9, XP009020856
AT	J. CHEM RESEARCH (S), 2001, M. Lakouraj et al; "FeCl ₃ -adsorbed on montmorillonite K-10: An efficient catalyst for one-pot dealkylation-acetylation of ethers" pp. 378, XP009020856; XP009020856; XP002266943

EXAMINER	DATE CONSIDERED
----------	-----------------

EXAMINER Initial if references considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609: Draw line through if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

* Neither English Language Equivalent nor an English Language Translation is available.

Form PTO 1449 Rev. 7-80		U.S. Department of Commerce Patent and Trademark Office	Atty. Docket No. CH-7794/LeA 36,351	Serial No. 10/664,307
		LIST OF PRIOR ART CITED BY APPLICANT (Use Several Sheets If Necessary)	Applicant Pieter Ooms	
			Filing Date September 17, 2003	Group

JUL 19 2004

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
AA					
AB					
AC					
AD					
AE					
AF					
AG					
AH					
AI					
AJ					
AK					

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
							Yes	No*
	AL							
	AM							
	AN							
	AO							
	AP							

OTHER PRIOR ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

AR	1951, p 1848-1849	*CHEMIE ORGANIQUE, "Action chimique des échangeurs de cations" Mastaglio et al., C. r. 232,
AS		*Römpf, Lexikon der Chemie Volume 3, 10 th Edition, Stuttgart/New York 1997, p.1741;
		"Hetrotrophie"
AT		Encyclopedia of Polymer Science and Technology Vol. 7, Ed. N.M. Bikales, Interscience Publishers
		New York, 1967, p 694-699

EXAMINER _____ DATE CONSIDERED _____

EXAMINER Initial if references considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609: Draw line through if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

* Neither English Language Equivalent nor an English Language Translation is available.

Form PTO 1449 Rev. 7-80			U.S. Department of Commerce Patent and Trademark Office	Atty. Docket No. CH-7794/LeA 36,351	Serial No. 10/664,307
LIST OF PRIOR ART CITED BY APPLICANT (Use Several Sheets If Necessary)			Applicant Pieter Ooms et al		
			Filing Date September 17, 2003	Group	

JUL 19 2004

PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT DOCUMENTS							
EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	AA						
	AB						
	AC						
	AD						
	AE						
	AF						
	AG						
	AH						
	AI						
	AJ						
	AK						

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
							Yes	No*
	AL							
	AM							
	AN							
	AO							
	AP							

OTHER PRIOR ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	AR	CHEMICAL REVIEWS Vol. 98, Nr. 1, January/February 1998; "Introduction: Polyoxometalates-	
		Multicomponent Molecular Vehicles To Probe Fundamental Issues and Practical Problems"	
	AS	Ullmann's Encyclopedia of Industrial Chemistry, 5 th , Completely Revised Edition, Volume B2, Unit Operations I, W. Gerhartz, executive editor, Sections 25, 26.	
		Ullmann's Encyclopedia of Industrial Chemistry, Fifth, Completely Revised Edition, Volume B4,	
	AT	"Principles of Chemical Reaction Engineering and Plant Design; pp. 569-570, B. Elvers et al	
EXAMINER		DATE CONSIDERED	
EXAMINER Initial if references considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609: Draw line through if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.			

* Neither English Language Equivalent nor an English Language Translation is available.